#### **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

### SOUTH CAROLINA

# DOCKET NO. 2007-256-C - ORDER NO. 2007-566

## AUGUST 14, 2007

IN RE:	Petition for Approval of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a	)	ORDER GRANTING
	Nextel Partners' Adoption of the	)	ADMISSIONS PRO HAC
	Interconnection Agreement between Sprint	)	VICE
	Communications, L.P./Sprint Spectrum L.P.	)	
	d/b/a Sprint PCS and BellSouth	)	
	Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South	)	
	Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motions of J. Jeffrey Pascoe, Esquire, on behalf of Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) for Admissions of Joseph M. Chiarelli, Esquire, and William R. L. Atkinson, Esquire, to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Pascoe petitions for Joseph M. Chiarelli and William R. L. Atkinson to appear before the Commission as counsel for Sprint in the present docket regarding a petition by NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners for approval of the adoption of an interconnection between Sprint Communications, L.P./Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast.

Mr. Chiarelli serves as counsel for Sprint located at 6450 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Kansas, according to Mr. Chiarelli's application for admission *pro hac vice*. Additionally, Mr. Chiarelli has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes,

laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Mr. Atkinson serves as counsel for Sprint located at 233 Peachtree Street, Suite 2200, Atlanta, Georgia, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, according to Mr. Atkinson's application for admission *pro hac vice*. Additionally, Mr. Atkinson has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Chiarelli and Mr. Atkinson is J. Jeffrey Pascoe of the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, 550 South Main Street, Suite 400, Greenville, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* applications of Joseph M. Chiarelli and William R. L. Atkinson have been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmations have been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filings and that the filing fees have been paid. We believe that Mr. Chiarelli and Mr. Atkinson meet the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-256-C *pro hac vice* and that they should be so admitted.

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Joseph M. Chiarelli, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Kansas and through Motion of local counsel, J. Jeffrey Pascoe, has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-256-C.
- 2. William R. L. Atkinson, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia and through Motion of local counsel, J. Jeffrey Pascoe, has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-256-C.
- 3. Proper applications have been filed, the filing fees have been paid, and the necessary affirmations have been made, as required by SCACR 404.
  - 3. Mr. Chiarelli and Mr. Atkinson have associated South Carolina counsel.
- 4. The Motions for *pro hac vice* admissions in this proceeding should be granted.

### **ORDER**

The Motions of J. Jeffrey Pascoe, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admissions of Joseph M. Chiarelli, Esquire, and William R. L. Atkinson, Esquire, to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in Docket No. 2007-256-C are granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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